



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

10AM, Wednesday, July 16th, 2008

Coffee was available at 9:30AM, and a light lunch was served following the meeting.

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
8th Floor—Main Conference Room
190 North Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

1. Call to order

Task Force Co-Chairs Don Shanis of DVRPC and Eric Madden of PennDOT called the quarterly freight advisory committee meeting to order. All Task Force members were recognized, new attendees were welcomed, and the April 16, 2008 meeting notes (which were emailed to the committee members prior to the meeting) were approved by the committee.

In member news, Jim Badgley was acknowledged as recently retired from New Jersey DOT after many years of outstanding service. Also, Tom Carolan and his wife just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

2. Freight Plan Showcase

In conjunction with the 2035 long range plan update, DVRPC is organizing a freight plan showcase that will feature a guided tour of the Delaware Valley's supply chain. Ted Dahlburg described this initiative that is going to take place in the DVRPC conference room from 10AM-1PM on October 15 and which will, in effect, serve as the Task Force's quarterly meeting.

The showcase will be organized around a number of "supply chain stations" staffed by volunteers and freight experts/professionals from the Delaware Valley Goods Movement Task Force. The final station, to be staffed by DVRPC, will offer a long-range vision for the Delaware Valley's freight network and facilities and a set of capital improvements. The target audience for the exercise is the DVRPC planning community, and staff will be meeting with many of the DVRPC committees at upcoming meetings to encourage their participation.

3. Freight Flows and Forecasts in the Philadelphia CSA

Walker Allen presented the key findings of a DVRPC report entitled, Freight Flows and Forecasts in the Philadelphia Consolidated Statistical Area (CSA). This report contains estimates of freight flows based in year 2002 and forecasted through the year 2035, and information concerning shipment origins and destinations, commodities, and mode of travel.

Among the key findings, the study found that the value of shipments in the region is growing much faster than the weight of shipments. Also, the region is becoming increasingly consumer-based as inbound shipments are forecasted to outgrow intra-regional and outbound shipment in terms of both value and weight. The region is a hub for energy related commodities from international origins for use in the region and exported to other US regions. Trucking is the predominant mode of travel for goods in terms of weight and value and area roads will become increasingly congested. Finally, the report finds evidence of a strong interwoven fabric of freight movement within the Philadelphia CSA region as well as the Northeast Mega-Region.

4. Maritime Commerce in Greater Philadelphia: Assessing Trends and Growth Opportunities

The Economy League of Greater Philadelphia was commissioned by the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation to evaluate maritime commerce in Greater Philadelphia. Using an assessment of global trends and their implications for the region, a final report lays out growth opportunities and potential future scenarios for maritime commerce on the Delaware River.

Steve Wray of the Economy League with the help of Eric Johanson made this presentation. The report identifies current conditions of the ports and future opportunities, challenges, and limitations. The Delaware River ports have a strong advantage over other ports when it comes to niche cargos, but they are currently far below total container percentage in terms of total port activity when compared to the average world port. The local ports have a relatively small job base, providing work for roughly 12,121 workers. However these jobs have above average value. The ports total economic output is estimated at \$2.4 billion.

Advantages of the Delaware River Ports include the proximity to one of the largest consumer regions in the world; the ability to create additional land-side capacity, and efficiency in the turnover of ships. Limitations of the Delaware River Ports include: the geography which places many of facilities 100 miles from open water; the connectivity leading away from the port (e.g., doublestack rail access to the port is not highly used); and the lack of collaboration along the river as different ports compete for the same business.

5. Philadelphia Sports Complex Special Services District

Shawn Jalosinski, Executive Director, discussed the efforts of the Sports Complex Special Services District to protect the interests of the South Philadelphia communities it serves and to promote the efficient operation of the adjacent sports venues. Each year, the entertainment venues in South Philadelphia attract 8 million visitors.

The District offers a wide range of programs and services to the 9,000 local residents it serves. These range from traffic and parking management to sanitation and advanced event notification.

6. Freight Logistics Initiatives In Maryland

Ed Miller, Motor Carrier Policy Officer, described the activities of the Maryland DOT's Office of Freight Logistics. The Office of Freight Logistics champions freight, and its current activities include initiatives within Maryland and collaborative efforts with neighboring states.

Mr. Miller spoke about his office’s work with the I-95 Corridor Coalition regarding the issue of truck parking and the development of a new one-week freight academy. The Coalition is currently accepting applications to the Freight Academy by the July 25th deadline. To apply or to learn more about the Freight Academy, visit <http://www.freightacademy.org/>. Mr. Miller’s presentation will be made available on the freight page of the DVRPC website.

7. Two-minute Reports

The following Task Force and Subcommittee chairs and Task Force members provided updates on the activities of their companies and agencies:

- Eric Madden PennDOT**
- Len Ross. Pennsylvania TAC**
- Bob Miller NJ DOT**
- Greg Oliver. Delaware DOT**
- Rick Crawford Data Subcommittee**
- Kelvin MacKavanagh. Planning Subcommittee**
- Kate Quinn. FHWA**
- Ted Dahlburg. Shippers Subcommittee**
- Tony Giobbe. CSX**
- Jim Runk. PMTA**
- Ed Duffy. Swanson Rail Transfer**
- Steve Buckley. City of Philadelphia**
- Bill Jones. US EPA**
- Jim Boylan. Tyburn Railroad**
- Linda Hayes. DRPA**

8. Old/New Business

The next meeting of the Goods Movement Task Force on October 15, 2008 will be replaced by the first-ever Freight Plan Showcase.

Meeting Participants

Name	Affiliation
Adams, Peggy	Port of Bucks
Allen, Walker	DVRPC
Anderson, Matthew	Chester Co. Planning Commission
Badgley, James	Eastman-Linnett Associates
Ben-Amos, Ariel	City of Philadelphia
Blevins, Dan	WILMAPCO
Boylan, James	Tyburn Railroad
Breeman, Paul	Holt Logistics
Brown, Steve	Port Authority of NY/NJ
Brundage, Richard	NJ Turnpike Authority
Boyer, Michael	DVRPC
Buckley, Steve	City of Philadelphia
Carolan, Tom	East Coast Logistics
Cohen, Ernest	RCC / SSAP
Cotter, Brendan	TMACC
Coyle, Gerard	Evans Delivery Company
Crawford, Rick	Norfolk Southern
Crawford-Major, Toni	Pennsylvania DCED
Cuccia, Brian	NJDOT
Dahlburg, Ted	DVRPC
DeBerry, Gary	PennDOT
Denitz, Peter	HDR Engineering Inc.
Duffy, Ed	Duffy Associates
Fisher, Kevin	Nexus Distribution Corp.
Forrester, Linda	NJDOT
Gabor, Liz	PIDC
Giobbie, Tony	CSX Transportation
Goren, Denise	Self
Greene, Ray	PennDOT
Gupta, Prema	PIDC
Hamill, Brian	Hardesty & Hanover Transportation Engineers
Hayes, Linda	DRPA
Hemmer, Tara	Waste Management
Holt, Thomas	Holt Logistics Corp
Hui, Kwan	DVRPC
Jalosinski, Shawn	Sports Complex SSD
Jennings, Tom	Saul Ewing
Jerista, Andrew	Select Greater Philadelphia
Johanson, Erik	Economy League
Johnson, Sterling	US Army Corps of Engineers
Jones, Bill	U.S. EPA
Kang, Megan	Select Greater Philadelphia
Kapadia, Bahvin	NJ DOT
Kenny, Tom	DADC

Kozinski, Jane	Saul Ewing
Krakauer, Miki	NJDOT
Kruel, Quentin	PIDC
Lodal, Genevieve	GVFTMA
Ludasi, Andrew	NJDOT
MacKavanagh, Kelvin	MacKavanagh Railroad Consulting
Madden, Eric	PennDOT
Malikkal, Jacob	APP Corporation
Mantero, Vince	Port Authority of NY/NJ
Mar, Jeanette	FHWA – New Jersey
McAuliffe, Daniel	Unique Industries
McCreavy, John	SMS Rail Lines
McLaughlin, John	R.L. Banks & Associates
Miller, Bob	NJDOT
Miller, Ed	Maryland DOT
Morris, Nina	PIDC
Oliver, Gregory	Delaware DOT
Parker, Bob	East Penn Railroad
Pascale, Guinevere	DVRPC
Piltman, Stephanie	PB
Pyers, Denise	PennDOT Rail Freight
Quinn, Kate	FHWA
Ratko, Wesley	Montgomery County Planning Comm.
Renner, Robert	Haines and Kibblehouse
Rocks, Joshua	SJTPO
Ross, Leonard	PennDOT Transportation Advisory Committee
Rowinski, Jakub	NJTPA
Runk, Jim	PMTA
Sauer, Alfred	East Penn Railroad LLC
Schoonmaker, Elizabeth	DVRPC
Seybert, Lauren	Orbital Eng.
Seymour, Barry	DVRPC
Shanis, Donald	DVRPC
Smith, Harry	Port Authority of NY/NJ
Thomas, Carol	Burlington County
Turcich, Jim	Philadelphia Belt Line RR
Wahler, Brian	NJ Turnpike Authority
Wall, Brian	PennDOT
Walsh, Nicholas	PRPA
Warren, Shelley	The Howland Group / DRMEC
Waxman, Marisa	City of Philadelphia - Revenue
Weiner, Harvey	Dependable Distribution
Wells, Tim	LTK Engineering
Wray, Steve	Economy League
Young, Lindsay	The Howland Group / DRMEC